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Paul M. said that he does not think that he made a mistake in being aggressive.

Jim Browne ask if there are any lawsuits pending.

Paul M. replied that zoning cases are a continuing problem but nothing else.

Arthur read bylaws on board duties on approval of development plans, monthly planning sessions, loan agreements, etc. and ask Paul why Board did not participate as bylaws directed.

Paul said that he was just to busy with the expansion of the system and that he was sorry about not involving the Board.

Ed G. said that information should have been provided to the Board on a regular basis.

Ed W. ask John O. about procedures of other boards and John replied that the Board could decide to do whatever it wanted. He would be glad to assist.

Ed W. said that Paul was wrong about getting information to the Board in the past.

Bryan gave Jim D. (accountant) copies of reports that Board had been given by Paul previously. Jim said that this type of report is not indicative of the financial condition of the organization.

Ed W. gave housing report. Said he is not going to open any more houses at this time. Wants to take it slow. Wants to get the Board more involved in opening houses. Makes motion to open 3 houses for women with children. Motion passed unanimously. Ed said that he is not getting Charters sent to him so he can sign them and send them off. Ed noted that one of the outreach people had forced a women to leave a house for not providing sexual favors. Ed concluded his report with the observation that he felt that Oxford House was moving to fast to maintain good recovery principals.

John O. said that since the Board did not know the financial situation of Oxford House, Inc. that is was difficult to make policy about growth.

Ed W. said that he wants to send people into houses after 30 days operation to see how they are doing.

Housing Committee report accepted by the Board.

Arthur presented revised manual for the Chapters which he distributed to the Board. He said the manual needed simplification.

Paul said that Chapters may want to decide how much dues to charge.

Ed W. said Board will set forth what it expects chapters to do; states may change this but the Board should set forth guidelines.

Bryan said that the Board needs money to go out and help houses. Said that currently it is like trying to run a car with no gas. Believes that a small part of chapter dues should go to Board.

Arthur strongly disagreed.

Ed W. made a motion to discuss revisions at next meeting after study. Motion passed.

Arthur suggested new Chapter, Charters and Paul M. said that the word "Charter" might be confused with house charters.

Chapter report accepted.

Town meeting to be held in near future. Also picnic in September along with founders day.

Arthur brought up the question of the location of Oxford House, Inc. offices. Paul said that no money was available.

Ed G. said that a location for the offices is badly needed.

Ed W. discussed reimbursement of expenses. Paul said to send receipts to office. Reimbursements must have documentation.

Some Board members suggest that Bylaws may need to be completely re-written.

Motion is made for Oxford House, Inc. to provide cards for all Board members. Motion unanimously passed.

Next Board meeting set for August 12, 1990 at Delafield House.